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Expressing support for the designation of an Early Detection Month to enhance public awareness of the need for screening for breast cancer and all other forms of cancer.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of an Early Detection Month to enhance public awareness of the need for screening for breast cancer and all other forms of cancer.

Whereas more than 2,000,000 new cases of cancer are diagnosed in the United States every year;

Whereas the most common types of cancer in the United States are nonmelanoma skin cancer, breast cancer in women, prostate cancer in men, lung cancer, and colorectal cancers;

Whereas 1 out of every 8 women in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime;

Whereas incidence of breast cancer in young women is much lower than in older women, and breast cancers are gen-

erally more aggressive and result in lower survival rates when they occur in young women;

Whereas breast cancer takes the life of 1 woman in the United States every 13 minutes;

Whereas, in 2009, approximately 192,370 women in the United States will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer;

Whereas available treatments are very unlikely to cure advanced breast cancer;

Whereas many oncologists and breast cancer researchers believe that a cure for breast cancer will not be discovered until well into the future;

Whereas lung cancer (both small cell and non-small cell) is the second most common cancer in women;

Whereas, in 2009, approximately 11,270 women in the United States will be diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer, of which approximately 4,070 will die;

Whereas, if ovarian cancer is detected and treated early, the survival rate is 93 percent, however, fewer than 20 percent of all cases of ovarian cancer are found at an early stage;

Whereas prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men, with more than 80 percent of all cases occurring in men more than 65 years old;

Whereas African-American men are diagnosed with prostate cancer at later stages and die of prostate cancer more often than White men;

Whereas, in 2009, approximately 192,280 men in the United States will be diagnosed with invasive prostate cancer;

Whereas if cancer is detected early enough, more than 75 percent of all people who develop cancer could be saved;

Whereas greater awareness of the critical necessity for the early detection of breast cancer and other cancers will not only save tens of thousands of lives but also greatly reduce the financial strain on government and private health care services by detecting cancer before it requires very expensive medical treatment;

Whereas there is a need for enhanced public awareness of the need for cancer screening; and

Whereas the designation of an Early Detection Month will enhance public awareness of breast cancer and all other forms of cancer: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
 2 *concurring)*, That Congress supports the designation of an
 3 Early Detection Month to enhance public awareness of the
 4 need for screening for breast cancer and all other forms
 5 of cancer.

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